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## Viewing cable 08BRUSSELS990, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IRISL CARGO INSPECTION

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">08BRUSSELS990</a>	<a href="#">2008-06-30 13:36</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">SECRET</a>	<a href="#">Embassy Brussels</a>

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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IRISL CARGO INSPECTION  
PROVISION OF UNSCR 1803: BELGIAN RESPONSE

REF: STATE 69339

Classified By: CDA RICHARD EASON, REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

11. (S) Charge delivered the points in reftel to Werner Bauwens, the head of the MFA's Non-proliferation Office on June 30. He agreed to relay the points to all the relevant offices and agencies within the GOB.

¶2. (S) Bauwens noted that the EU had adopted sanctions based on UNSCR 1803 last Monday and had taken all the steps required under UNSCR 1803. Belgium's banks have also already taken action and, indeed, many had already taken actions in anticipation. Bauwens commented that the U.S. had moved beyond 1803 with its actions against Bank Melli.

¶3. (S) Cargo issues have also been raised within the EU; the new element is the request to inspect suspect cargo. Bauwens said this created difficulties. He asked how such inspections would be organized. If a ship comes in full of containers and the suspect one is on the bottom of the stack, who pays for the costs of unloading and inspecting the cargo? How does one define a cargo is suspect and on what criteria?

¶4. (S) Bauwens stressed that information exchange on shipments must be improved to create a system with timely advance warning. He was concerned that shipping companies would begin to balk at requests to inspect containers when many were found to contain innocent items. He said that this is the reason why the GOB is working within the EU to such up just such an improved information exchange system,